

A "Forests, Pastures & Cemeteries" Ride

Total Distance: **33.3 miles**

Elevation Gain: **1697 feet**

Degree of Difficulty Index: **1697 ft / 33.3 mi = 50.96 ft/mi**

Terrain: **Rolling/hilly**

Killer Hills: **None; but there are several hilly sections**

Geographical Region: **South Central Connecticut**

City/Town: **Clinton**

Starting Location: **I-95 Exit 63 CPL (Rt. 81) in Clinton**

Ride Description: **This ride travels the back roads in Clinton, Killingworth, Haddam and Madison over rolling and somewhat hilly terrain. The vistas along the way are lovely and make the work worth the effort. You can choose a location somewhere along the route for a lunch/snack break and the route passes near a country restaurant/deli and a convenience store near mid-ride. Near the end of the ride, the Chamard Vineyard is passed.**

Facilities and *Points of Interest*:

Mile	Facilities - <i>Points of Interest</i>
7.1	<i>Irene Sheldon Park (portable toilets available)</i>
13.1	Small shopping plaza with a country restaurant/deli
13.3	Convenience store on left
14.4	<i>Hidden Lake (views) on right</i>
21.2	<i>Summer Hill (wholesale) Nursery is up road to the left</i>
25.5+	<i>Bridge over a branch of the Hammonasset River</i>
31.4	<i>Bench and gazebo overlooking a small pond; good spot for your final break</i>
32.0	<u><i>Chamard Vineyard on right:</i></u> <i>Chamard Vineyard's Tasting Room is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm for complimentary wine tasting, winery tours, and retail sales.</i> <i>The elegant tasting room features a large fieldstone fireplace, natural wood surfaces and antiques. The deck offers a panoramic view of the vineyard with its rolling acres of lush vines, hand built stone walls lining the fields and a beautiful pond with a cascading fountain.</i> <i>The Chamard Vineyard tour takes you through the winery for an informative look at their wine making process. After the tour, you'll be treated to a complimentary tasting of Chamard wines in the tasting room overlooking the vineyards. The winery was completed in 1988. Its classic New England design features finely crafted stonework using fieldstones from the property. The staff is both friendly and knowledgeable.</i>
33.0	<i>Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets on the right</i>
33.1	<i>Morgan High School (Clinton) on the left</i>

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